

EVENING WORLD

CYCLING CRACKS
MEET TO-DAY.

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MR. ROBERT FITZSIMMONS, SOON TO BE A STAR, DEEP IN THE MYSTERIES OF STAGE REHEARSALS

THE SPOT LIGHT FOR HIS;
OR, FITZ IN THE DRAMMER

Ruby Robert, by Constant Rehearsing, Can Now Find the Centre of the Stage Without Any Assistance, and Will Soon Shine as a Hero.

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Bob Fitzsimmons is training for the toughest engagement of his career. His first bout with the stage as a real, sure-enough actor is to be pulled off in Brooklyn on Aug. 22. Just now Bob is rehearsing his part daily.

Bob is the real hero in "A Fight for Love," written for him by Hal Reid. He will be seconded by Mrs. Fitz, two able-bodied villains, an adventuresome, a comic aunt, a stern parent and a darky coachman.

"The course of true love never did run smooth," especially with a strenuous lover like Bob. In the first act he foils Villain No. 2, who is about to murder him with an iron bar.

After that Bob knocks down the same deep-dyed scoundrel, who is trying to throw villain at Mrs. Fitz. Then he breaks a punching-bag and captures a burglar. In the last act Fitz fights three rounds with Mike Tobin (Villain No. 2), knocks him out, brings ruin to Villain No. 1 and marries the girl.

ONE VILLAIN NOT ENOUGH.

One villain is usually considered enough for the hero to handle, but Bob Fitzsimmons thought that his reputation entitled him to at least two, and not three, in the same ring.

Bob is learning the elocution of the stage. He has the ravings of John McCullough sounding in comparison like the bleatings of a lambkin.

When, in the rehearsal for the first act, Bob catches the hand of the would-be murderer and chides him for his lack of consideration by saying, "Remember, there are ladies present," people passing on Broadway stop and wonder when John L. Sullivan arrived in town.

THE MUSICAL VOICE.

Then there are the pathetic parts, where Fitz rings in his musical voice, like this:

I HAVE FOUGHT THREE HUNDRED AND

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I SAY THERE HAS BEEN DIRTY WORK HERE!

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